

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): GAP ADJUSTMENT APPARATUS AND GAP ADJUSTMENT METHOD
FOR ADJUSTING GAP BETWEEN TWO OBJECTS

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- ☒ 43 pages of Specification/Claims 1-24/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-6B; 6 sheets) are attached.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Ltd. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- ☒ Priority of foreign applications Nos. 2000-360502 and 2000-312624 filed November 28, 2000 and October 10, 2001, respectively, in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign applications is attached.

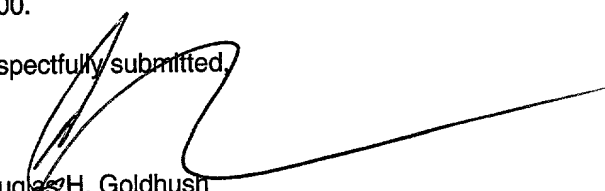
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